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November 16, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

22 NOVEMBER 16, 2010

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
BRIDGE WALKWAYS
ALOSTA AVENUE OVER LITTLE DALTON WASH
IN THE CITY OF AZUSA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve the project to widen the bridge and construct walkways on Alostia Avenue Over Little Dalton Wash in the City of Azusa; adopt the plans and specifications; call for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for Alostia Avenue Over Little Dalton Wash, to widen the bridge and construct walkways in the City of Azusa, at an estimated cost between \$150,000 and \$210,000.
2. Call for bids to be received on December 21, 2010.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.

4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range, approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance submitted by the contractor, and deliver the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board) to adopt the plans and specifications; advertise for bids; and award, execute, and implement a contract for the widening of a bridge and construction of bridge walkways, and the performance of other appurtenant work.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help meet these goals by providing safer pedestrian access across this storm channel.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$150,000 to \$210,000. The project is entirely within the City of Azusa (City). Cooperative Agreement No. 77401 between the County of Los Angeles (County) and the City provides for the County to perform the preliminary engineering and administer the contract of the project, with the County to finance the cost of preliminary engineering and right-of-way incidental costs, and the County and the City to each finance one half of the construction and right-of-way acquisition costs. The City's share will be financed with funds to be received from the United States Government under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, available July 1, 2010. Funding is included in the First Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to contract for bridge widening and walkway construction, is part of the Department of Public Works (Public Works) ongoing highway construction and maintenance program. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20404 of the State Public Contract Code.

Jurisdiction to construct this project was received from the City of Azusa on September 20, 2010.

This project is to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated the work will start in March 2011 and be completed in June 2011.

Delegating to the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to obtain a contractor for the construction of bridge walkways to provide safer pedestrian access across an existing bridge.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On August 31, 2010, Agenda Item 20, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. The award by the Director or her designee will be made after review of the bids meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code. The County Local Small Business Enterprise preference will not be applied to the determination of the lowest responsive bid. To be eligible for the Federal funds financing the majority of this project, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, requires award to the lowest bidder.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing safer pedestrian access across this storm channel.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance